

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF AUSTIN

THIS CONGREGATION TRACES ITS HISTORY TO THE EARLY YEARS OF AUSTIN AND THE MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES OF THE REV. DANIEL BAKER. AFTER A VISIT TO AUSTIN IN 1848, DANIEL BAKER RECOMMENDED THE ORGANIZATION OF A PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION IN THE CITY. HIS SON, WILLIAM M. BAKER, NEWLY ORDAINED TO THE PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRY, ARRIVED HERE IN MAY 1850 AND ORGANIZED THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. AMONG THE FIVE CHARTER MEMBERS WAS MASTER BUILDER ABNER COOK, WHO LATER BUILT THE TEXAS GOVERNOR'S MANSION.

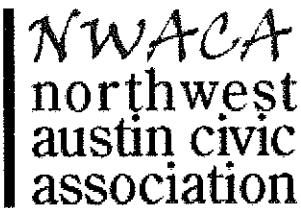
THE FIRST SANCTUARY, BUILT IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN ON LAND DONATED BY COOK, WAS COMPLETED IN 1851. IT WAS REPLACED BY A STONE STRUCTURE IN 1890. THE CONGREGATION CONTINUED TO WORSHIP AT THE DOWNTOWN SITE UNTIL 1960, WHEN THEY RELOCATED TO JACKSON STREET IN NORTH CENTRAL AUSTIN.

THE CHURCH MOVED TO NEW FACILITIES AT THIS SITE IN 1978. HISTORIC STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND THE ORIGINAL CORNERSTONE FROM THE 1890 STONE SANCTUARY WERE INCORPORATED INTO THE DESIGN OF THE NEW BUILDING.

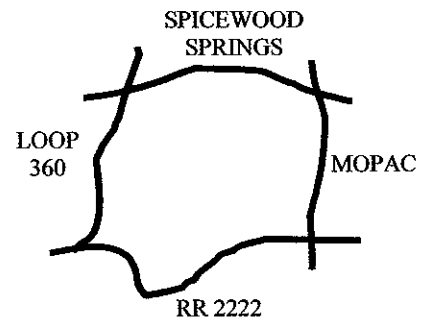
THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTIN CONTINUES TO SERVE ITS MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY WITH A VARIETY OF WORSHIP, EDUCATIONAL, AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

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PO BOX 26654, Austin, TX 78755



December 21, 2010

First Presbyterian Church
8001 Mesa Drive
Austin TX 78731

To Whom It May Concern,

Our organization represents the interests of residents within the boundaries shown in our logo. We know the First Presbyterian Church to be a good neighbor reaching out to our community with special events of interest to many such as the noted St. Cecelia Music Series, sponsoring scouting troops and making their facilities available as a precinct polling place. We feel being able to see information about forthcoming events is valuable to our neighbors as they pass by the church on Mesa Drive.

We realize the church property is zoned "residential" but it adjoins commercial, light office and multifamily zoned properties on all sides. We also are aware that many in our community enjoy the montage of stained glass windows that comprise the side of the building facing the street. It would be a shame to limit the church to posting informational banners on top of those windows.

The NWACA Zoning Committee has reviewed the plans and finds no objection to the church's request for the variance. The NWACA Executive Board has also considered the request and feels it is in the interest of the community to support a variance that will permit the church to post informational banners on the stone wall next to their monument name sign facing Mesa Drive.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise C. Geil".

Louise C. Geil, NWACA Treasurer

December 22, 2010

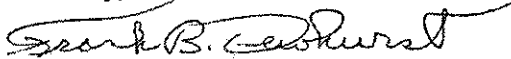
Dear City of Austin Sign Review Board,

re: First Presbyterian Church (FPC) Request for Sign Variance

We the Board of Directors of Williamsburg Home Owner's Association has reviewed the sign plans and found them aesthetically pleasing. The sign would be very beneficial to alert our neighborhood on events being conducted at the First Presbyterian Church (FPC). The church is in the midst of many commercial and professional businesses and should not be denied this sign. We also have residents in our HOA that are members of FPC.

The Williamsburg Home Owner's Association as a Mesa Drive neighbor supports First Presbyterian Church's variance request for a second sign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank B. Dewhurst", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Frank B. Dewhurst
Board of Directors President
Williamsburg Home Owner's Association

MESA TRAILS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

December 21, 2010

First Presbyterian Church
8001 Mesa Drive
Austin, Texas 78731

Re: New sign

Dear Friends:

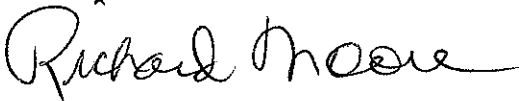
I have received information that the sign that you are building on your property might not meet certain zoning requirements for the City of Austin.

I have seen the sign itself and find it very tastefully constructed, in keeping with the neighborhood.

Your Church has always been most helpful to us, especially since we are next door neighbors. Your parking lot has been most handy, especially in times when we have resurfaced our street. There have also been times when we have had to jointly cooperate on matters that have arisen because we share a sizable boundary line together.

I would hope that this letter would be evidence of our support for the new sign, and we urge the City to view it favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Richard Moore
President
Mesa Trails Homeowners Association

Mesa Forest Home Owners Association, Inc.

Keith Kreager, President

3906 Myrick Drive

Austin TX 78731

December 15, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

In regard to the First Presbyterian Church's request for a variance in order to have a second sign next to its monument sign that will provide the neighborhood with announcements of events of interest to the community:

The plans and construction to date for the sign have been inspected and appear to be visually and ascetically pleasing. We in this community want to know when the St. Cecilia Music Series will be performing there, what the hours of worship are for Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday, Vacation Bible School schedule, and other special events beyond usual church activities of note. In other words, the information to be provided on this second sign is wanted and useful to people who travel on Mesa regularly.

This church has reached out with its facilities and its congregation to the area residents and is a good neighbor to this community. The desired signage is appropriate for the architecture and landscaping of the church, and in accord with signage relating to nearby small businesses.

Thank you for considering this support for the First Presbyterian Church to obtain a variance for a second informational sign adjacent to and complementary to its identifying monument name sign.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Kreager', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Keith Kreager, President MFHOA, Inc.



ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

In Pursuit of Excellence

December 16, 2010

City of Austin Sign Review Board
Austin
Texas

Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of the proposed signage on the west border of First Presbyterian Church at 8001 Mesa Drive. We have reviewed their signage plan and find that it is consistent with the neighborhood environment and causes no distraction or traffic hazards.

Beyond that, we have a good partnership with First Presbyterian Church. They host many activities for the school, advertise many upcoming events for us, and support our students and staff throughout the year. They are a good community member and would not propose anything that would detract from the cohesive nature of our community.

It is for this reason that the administration of Anderson High School supports the variance request for a second sign on the First Presbyterian Church property.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna L. Houser". The signature is fluid and elegant.

Donna Houser
Principal

December 21, 2010

Brian J. Watson, DDS
8017 Mesa Dr., #101
Austin, Texas 78731

Jane Bassett
First Presbyterian Church Of Austin
8001 Mesa Dr.
Austin, TX 78731

Dear City of Austin Sign Review Board,

We have received FPC's plans and find them visually pleasing. Our dental office is next door to the church and we have a long time relationship with the church. They allow our employees to park in their lot to leave our parking area free for patients. We have no objections to their signage and feel it is appropriate for the church, the neighborhood and business establishments. As a business in the neighborhood we support First Presbyterian Church's variance request for a second sign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Williams".

Lisa Williams
Office Manager



"National Pizzeria of the Year"

Pizza Today Magazine

12/21/10

DEAR SIGN REVIEW BOARD

I HAVE RECEIVED THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTIN'S PLANS FOR SIGNAGE AND HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE ACCEPTABLE FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

I AM A BUSINESS OWNER LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS AND HAVE FOUND THEM TO BE AN ASSET TO NORTHWEST HILLS. MANY OF THEIR CONGREGATION ARE MY CUSTOMERS AND WE HAVE USED THEIR FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS.

THIS ACTIVITY IS APPROPRIATE AND AS A BUSINESS PERSON AND NEIGHBOR I SUPPORT THE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR A SECOND SIGN FOR THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTIN.

Sincerely,

Jim Day

OWNER, MANGIA PIZZA 8012 MESA DR. AUSTIN 78731

7950 Anderson Square, Suite 105, Austin, Texas 78757



Third Coast Martial Arts

American Tae Kwon Do & Mixed Arts

Locally owned & operated for 14 years

December 21, 2010

Attn: Sign Variance

Dear City of Austin Sign Review Board:

Third Coast Martial Arts and First Presbyterian Church have had a very beneficial relationship since we've been on Mesa Drive for the past 5 years. They allowed us to host our events in their fellowship hall and we have taught many of the FPC children in our martial arts school.

We have reviewed the plans and find them visually pleasing and appropriate.

FPC is wonderful neighbor and we fully support the church's variance request for a second sign. We feel the church will do what is appropriate and similar to other churches, education, and small business establishments in the neighborhood.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important variance,

John Seay
Owner/Master Instructor